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HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H. Res. 525, providing for review by the Committee on the Judiciary of a Communication from an Independent Counsel, and for the release thereof.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2461–2462 and S. Con. Res. 117.

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 2361, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize programs for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–326)

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Measures Passed:

Volunteers for Wildlife Act: Senate passed H.R. 1856, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to promote volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges.

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Lott (for Chafee) Amendment No. 3578, to make technical corrections. Page \$10250

Fish and Wildlife Revenue Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 2094, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978 to enable the Secretary of the Interior to more effectively use the proceeds of sales of certain items, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Lott (for Chafee) Amendment No. 3579, to make technical corrections. Page \$10251

Child Custody Protection Act—Cloture Vote: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 265), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1645, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across

State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

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Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act—Cloture Vote Vitiated: By unanimous-consent agreement, the cloture vote scheduled to occur on the pending Lott (for Grassley/Hatch) Amendment No. 3559, in the nature of a substitute, to S. 1301, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, was vitiated.

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Subsequently, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, and that following disposition of the listed amendments and the committee substitute, the Senate proceed to consideration of H.R. 3150, House companion measure, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1301, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, and passage occur thereon. Also, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, as follows: Senators Hatch, Grassley, Sessions, Leahy, and Durbin.

Truth in Employment Act—Cloture Vote Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1981, to preserve the balance of rights between employers, employees, and labor organizations which is fundamental to our system of collective bargaining while preserving the rights of workers to organize, or otherwise engage in concerted activities protected under the National Labor Relations Act, on Monday, September 14, 1998, with a vote on the cloture motion to occur at 5:30 p.m.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Craig Gordon Dunkerly, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of Service as Special Envoy for Conventional Forces in Europe.

Routine lists in the Navy. Pages S10265-68 Messages From the House Page S10236 **Communications:** Pages S10236-40

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Authority for Committees: Page S10245 Additional Statements:

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—265) Page S10231 Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:44 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, September 14, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10252.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4550–4556; 1 private bill, H.R. 4557; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 530–533 were introduced. Page H7617

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1659, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 Act that established the Monument, amended (H. Rept. 105–704);

H.R. 4166, to amend the Idaho Admission Act regarding the sale or lease of school land (H. Rept. 105-705);

H.R. 3903, to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska, amended (H. Rept. 105-706);

H.R. 2314, to restore Federal Indian services to members of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma residing in Maverick County, Texas, to clarify United States citizenship status of such members, to provide trust land for the benefit of the Tribe (H. Rept. 105-707 part 1); and

H.R. 3055, to deem the activities of the Miccosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Indian Reservation to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park, amended (H. Rept. 105–708 part 1). Pages H7616-17 Review of Communication from Independent **Counsel:** The House agreed to H. Res. 525, providing for a deliberative review by the Committee on the Judiciary of a communication from an independent counsel, and for the release thereof, by a yea and nay vote of 363 yeas to 63 nays, Roll No. 425.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 530, electing Representative Barrett of Wisconsin to the Committee on the Judiciary. Page H7608

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader discussed the legislative program for the week of September Pages H7608-09

Meeting Hour—September 14: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on September 14, 1998. Page H7609

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 16, 1998. Page H7609

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7587.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H7607. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNET—PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM INAPPROPRIATE MATERIALS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on legislative proposals to Protect Children from Inappropriate Materials on the Internet. Testimony was heard from Senator Coats; Representatives Franks of New Jersey and Istook; Stephen R. Wiley, Chief, Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

CONSTRUCTION SUBCONTRACTORS PAYMENT PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law of the House Committee on the Judiciary held a joint hearing on H.R. 3032, Construction Subcontractors Payment Protection Enhancement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Deidre Lee, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime began mark up of the following bills: H.R. 4427, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1998; H.R. 3046, Police, Fire, and Emergency Prohibition Act of 1998; S. 1976, Crime Victims with Disabilities Awareness Act of 1998; H.R. 804, to amend part Q of title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that Federal funds made available to hire or rehire law enforcement officers are used in a manner that produces a net gain of the number of law enforcement officers who perform non-administrative public safety services; and S. 2022, Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998. Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action amended a measure to reauthorize the Generalized System of Preferences.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/ Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China: Met in executive session to continue to receive briefings on pending business.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of September 14 through 19, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Monday,* Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1981, Truth in Employment Act, and resume consideration of S. 2237, Interior Appropriations, 1999.

On *Tuesday,* Senate will continue consideration of S. 2237, Interior Appropriations, 1999, and may consider S. 1301, Consumer Bankruptcy Reform.

During the balance of the week, Senate may also consider S. 1645, Child Custody Protection Act, the President's veto of H.R. 1122, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, further appropriations bills, and any legislative or executive items cleared for action, including conference reports, when available.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: September 15, to hold hearings on the nominations of Bernard D. Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Vice Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, for appointment to the grade of Admiral, and to be Commander-in-Chief of United States Pacific Command, 10 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on the Budget: September 17, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on International Operations to examine Department of State management and budget issues, 10 a.m., SD- 419.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 15, to hold hearings on the nominations of Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, and Norman Y. Mineta, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Eugene A. Conti, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy, and Peter J. Basso, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs, 10 a.m., SR-253.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 2390, to permit ships built in foreign countries to engage in coastwise in the transport of certain products, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 16, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine the extent of fatigue of transportation operators in the trucking and rail industries, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Commerce involvement in the

transfer of satellite technology to China, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 17, to hold hearings on the nominations of Gregory H. Friedman, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, Department of Energy, Charles G. Groat, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and other pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

September 17, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on miscellaneous bills, including S. 1175, S. 1641, S. 1960, S. 2086, S. 2133, S. 2239, S. 2240, S. 2241, S. 2246, S. 2247, S. 2248, S. 2285, S. 2297, S. 2309, S. 2401, and H.R. 2411, 2 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 16, to hold hearings on S. 1576, to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gasoline in certain areas within the State, focusing on the use of methyl tertiary-butyl ether in gasoline, 2 p.m., SD-406.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the General Services Administration's fiscal year 1999 capital investment and leasing programs, the fiscal year 1999 courthouse construction requests of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and proposed legislation relating to public buildings reform, 9 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 15, to hold hearings on certain extradition and mutual legal assistance treaties, 10 a.m., SD-419.

September 16, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold joint hearings with the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control to examine anti-drug interdiction efforts, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

September 17, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on the Budget to examine Department of State management and budget issues, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 16, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the National Cancer Institute's management of radiation studies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Kenneth Prewitt, of New York, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Robert M. Walker, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 15, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine consolidation issues within the telecommunications industry, 10 a.m., SD–226.

September 16, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and proposed reform issues, 2 p.m., SD–226.

September 17, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: September 17, to hold hearings to examine professional developments incorporating advances and teaching, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: September 16, to hold hearings to examine issues with regard to the proposed renovation of the United States Capitol dome and the Dirksen Senate Office Building, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

September 16, Full Committee, to resume hearings on S. 2288, to provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of the Government's publications, 10 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Small Business: September 15, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 16, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing on the nomination of Montie R. Deer, of Kansas, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SR–485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 16, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 14, to hold hearings to examine the need for a national criminal background check system for nursing home employees, 1 p.m., SD-628.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: September 16, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism to examine anti-drug interdiction efforts, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, September 14, 15 and 16, hearings on International Economic Turmoil, 10 a.m., on September 14, 2 p.m., on September 15 and 1 p.m., on September 16, 2128 Rayburn.

September 16, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, joint hearing on the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth in Lending Act, and reforms to mortgage lending disclosure requirements, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 17, full Committee, hearing on Preparing for the Year 2000: Financial Institutions, Customers, Telecommunications, and Power, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, September 15 and 17, Sub-committee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payments of fees to those representatives, 9:30 a.m., on September 15 and 10 a.m., on September 17, 2322 Rayburn.

September 16, full Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint hearing on Education and Technology Initiatives, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Spectrum

Management Oversight, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on The State Children's Health Insurance Program: A Progress Report, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Protecting Consumers Against Cramming and Spamming, 10 a.m.,

2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Review of the Management of the Year 2000 Problem by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, September 14, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 2939, Federal Sunset Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 16, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to continue hearings on "The Kyoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans? Part V1" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Census, hearing on "Oversight of the 2000 Census: Serious Problems with Statistical Adjustment Remain," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "A National ID Card: Big Government at its Worst or Technological Efficiency?" 10 a.m., 2247 Ray-

Committee on International Relations, September 15, hearing on Disarming Iraq: The Status of Weapons Inspections, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 15, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Democratic Republic of Congo in Crisis, 2 p.m., 2255

September 16, full Committee, hearing on the Spread of AIDS in the Developing World, 10 a.m., 2172 Ray-

September 17, hearing on the United States and Russia, Part II: Russia in Crisis, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 17, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing and mark up of S.J. Res. 51, granting the consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact entered into between the States of Maryland and West Virginia; and to mark up the following; H.R. 4049, Regulatory Fair Warning Act of 1998; H.R. 4096, Taxpayers Defense Act; and a measure clarifying that the limitation on state income taxation of governmental pension income applies to possessions of the United States, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 4258, No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the Institutional Removal Program, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, September 16, hearing on the U.S. policy on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 15, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Roads Management and Obliteration, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 16, full Committee, to consider the following: H.R. 1608, to authorize the Pyramid of Remembrance Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to soldiers who have died in foreign conflicts other than declared wars; H.R. 3088, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange; H.R. 4223, Colusa Basin Watershed Integrated Resources Management Act; the North Pacific Rationalized Fishing Act; and a report concerning the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 17, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 4337, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Maryland for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria; followed by a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 4248, Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Promotion Act; and H.R. 4517, Neotropical Migratory Bird Habitat Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 17, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service—Backcountry Airstrip Management, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 14, to consider the following: H.J. Res. 117, expressing the sense of Congress that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medicinal use; and H.R. 4006, Lethal Drug Abuse Prevention Act, 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

September 15, to consider the following: H.R. 4300, Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act; and H.R. 4550, Drug Demand Reduction Act of 1998, 10:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, September 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on S. 1418, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing on Industrial Biotechnology: A Solution for the Future? 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 16, hearing on H.R. 3659, Farm and Ranch Risk Management Act, 1:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 16, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on pension reform for small businesses, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 17, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on H. Con. Res. 52, urging that the railroad industry, including rail labor, management and retiree organizations, open discussions for adequately funding an amendment to the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to modify the guaranteed minimum benefit for widows and widowers whose annuities are converted from a spouse to a widow or widower annuity, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following: H.R. 4377, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the membership of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to 17; H.R. 3511, to amend title XI of the Social Security to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide additional exceptions to the imposition of civil money penalties in cases of payments to beneficiaries; and a measure to refine the Medicare home health interim payment system, 11:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 15, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to mark up the Welfare, Noncitizen, and Unemployment Insurance Technical Amendments Act of 1998, 10:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Implementation of the Interethnic Adoption Amendments, 11 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

September 17, full Committee, to mark up the Tax-payer Relief Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 18, to mark up the following: Welfare, Noncitizen, and Unemployment Insurance Technical Amendments Act of 1998; H.R. 4377, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the membership of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to 17; H.R. 3511, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide additional exceptions to the imposition of civil money penalties in cases of payments to beneficiaries; and a measure to refine the Medicare home health interim payment system, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 11 a.m., Monday, September 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will consider the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1981, Truth in Employment Act, with a vote on the motion to occur at 5:30 p.m.

Senate will also resume consideration of S. 2237, Interior Appropriations, 1999.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of Suspensions.

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